

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Withdrawn claims 7-19 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-6 were objected to for informalities. Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Addressing first the objection to claims 1-6, that objection is traversed by the present response.

With respect to claim 1, with outstanding Office Action suggested that the phrase “the recess plug” should be replaced with the phrase “a plurality of recess plugs” to be consistent with the phrase “a plurality of mark holes”. In light of that suggestion in the Office Action claim 1 has now been so amended. Similarly claim 4 has been amended with respect to the recited “protrusion plug”. The amendments to claims 1 and 4 are believed to address the objections to claims 1-6.


Addressing now the rejection of claims 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

Claims 2 and 5 were rejected as the term “almost” was unclear. In response to that rejection that term is deleted in each of those claims, and the term “substantially” is now recited therein. Thus, claims 2 and 5 are now believed to be in full compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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